

Fairfax Eases Restrictions on Tourist Courts

Three Tracts Along Lee Boulevard West Of Circle Rezoned

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors yesterday rezoned three Lee boulevard tracts west of Fairfax Circle to permit construction of tourist courts, but refused to rezone property east of the circle for a similar project.

By a 4-to-2 vote, the board supported the rezoning of C. B. Runyon, Falls Church district supervisor, that business should be permitted on the boulevard between the circle and Chain Bridge road. Their action was unanimous in denying the rezoning east of the circle on route 50, between Fairfax and Falls Church, which would have permitted construction of four eight-room hotel buildings, estimated to cost \$175,000.

The board deferred action on its own motion to rezone a Shirley highway property from general business to residential. The 44 acres at the intersection of Shirley highway and Seminary road, rezoned by the board in 1946 from residential to business, is owned by Mark Winkler, Washington real estate man.

Opposed Commercialization.

When it denied a request of Vernon M. Lynch on October 5 that he be authorized to establish business at the Shirley highway and Franconia road, the board ruled that the new highway "should not be commercialized until it looks like Highway 1."

The County Planning Commission now wishes to rezone the Winkler property so the board's policy of "no business on the Shirley" will be effective for the entire 14-mile length of the new cross-county highway.

G. Wallace Carper, board chairman, said he is sorry the board approved the Winkler request three years ago.

The tourist court applications were granted to E. L. Prince, Roy K. Amick and Fay D. Patton over the protests of other tourist court operators who maintained they are not making money now. The construction of new courts, they asserted, might result in "lower moral standards" at the establishments which are least profitable.

Seeks to Build Hotel.

The hotel request was sought by Wilbur S. Walker of Fairfax, who asked rezoning of approximately 13 acres.

Among those opposing the application was Mr. Walker's brother, George E. Walker, vice president of the Falls Church Bank, who said that construction of the hotel would lower the value of his home, across the boulevard, and of adjacent property owned by other members of the Walker family.

George Walker said his brother had purchased the land in 1923 for \$30 an acre. As residential property, the land now is worth approximately \$1,500 an acre, he said, but for business purposes, planning officials estimate, its worth is probably more than \$3,500 an acre.

In other business, at the request of James J. Corbals, county engineer, the board approved a policy of leasing sewer facilities from a developer until the installation is paid for. The lease arrangement would apply to subtrunk lines installed from the boundary of the development to the nearest connection with the county system.

Lease Is Approved.

The board agreed to a county lease of a \$65,000 sewer project to be built from the Williston Apartment development at Seven Corners to a county connection at Lee Boulevard Heights. The program of the builders, Standard Construction Co. of Washington, includes new sewage pumping facilities at Lee Boulevard Heights.

A zoning variance to permit construction of a building on the Falls Church property yard was approved.

The board asked the planning commission to determine whether the county should protest construction of 350 low-cost housing units at Fort Belvoir on land which provides "the last chance for the county to gain access to the Potomac for recreation purposes."

Legion Post Plans Dance

An oyster roast and dance for benefit of the Berwyn-Branchville Post No. 217, American Legion, will be held at 2128 Baltimore boulevard, Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Fair and Cool Forecast for Duck Hunting

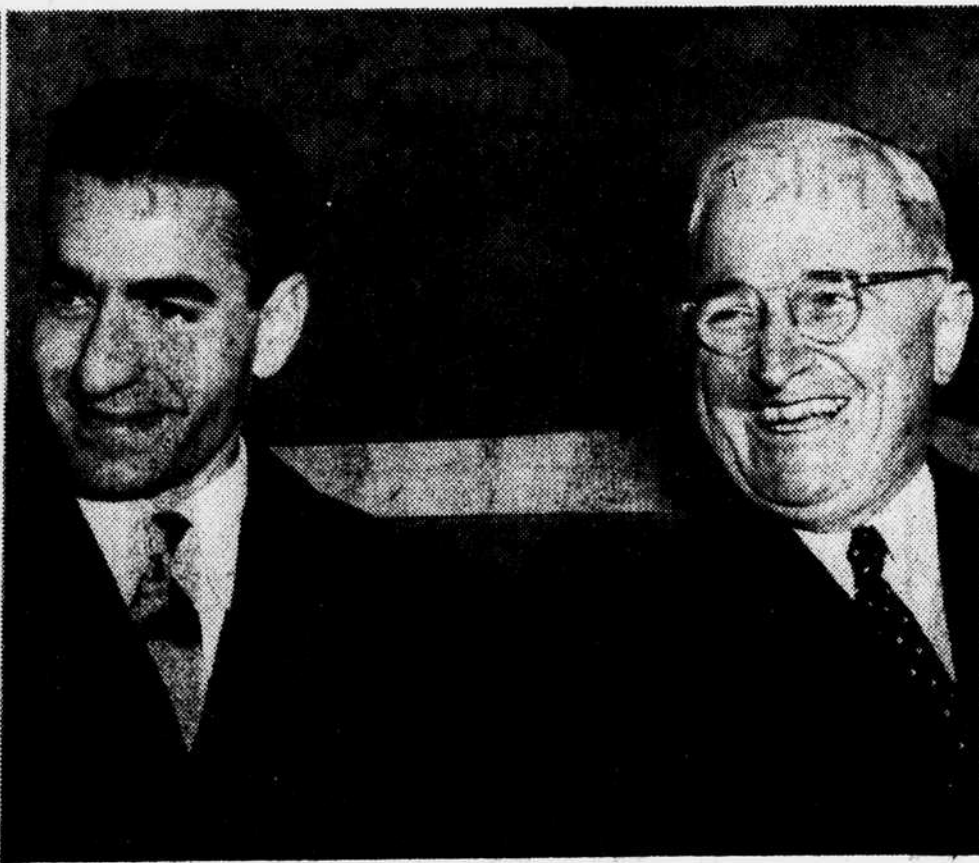
Fair and continued cool weather was forecast for Maryland through Saturday as duck hunters prepared today for the opening of the State's 40-day hunting season at noon tomorrow.

The Weather Bureau reported that below freezing temperatures in the early morning hours could be expected in certain sections and that there would be west-to-northwest winds of from 15 to 20 miles per hour in the bay area.

Indications pointed to the best shooting in years. Malcolm King, public relations officer of the Maryland Commission of Game and Inland Fish, said exceptionally big flocks of wildfowl have been making their way down the Atlantic Flyway and that geese particularly are plentiful.



'YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY . . .'—With a warm smile and a friendly handshake, President Truman greets the Shah of Iran at Washington National Airport. "You have come a long way to be with us and we are very grateful," the President told the 30-year-old ruler.



Greetings from between 100,000 and 150,000 persons who lined the streets were acknowledged by the President and the Shah as they rode from the airport to Blair House, where the Iranian monarch was an overnight guest. "You are looking at the people who make the clock tick in the United States," the President said.



The key to the city is presented to the Shah by J. Russell Young, president of the Board of District Commissioners. The Shah responded that he had heard much of Washington's beauty and found that the city's "claims to distinction have not been exaggerated." (Story on Page A-1.) —AP and Harris & Ewing Photos.

Board Hears Transit Testimony Today on Working Conditions

A five-man arbitration board today was to hear testimony from Capital Transit Co. spokesmen on the 12 changes in working conditions asked by the transit workers' union.

Preliminary exhibits bearing on the issues involved were introduced yesterday, as the board continued hearings in the Hamilton Hotel. Isaac B. Goad, director of schedules and traffic for the company, who was on the stand at adjournment, was expected to return as the first witness today.

The union is asking, among other things, a 25 cents an hour pay raise across the board and elimination of all so-called "swing runs" on Sunday.

The company, besides resisting the proposed pay raise, is asking the arbitration board for five changes in working conditions, including elimination of operators' pay for the 20-minute daily lunch period.

Hawley Simpson, labor consultant, and Mr. Goad, put into the record for the company yesterday a series of documents outlining the background of the operation of both bus and streetcar lines as a basis for discussion today of requests by the union.

Mr. Goad told the board yesterday operators now average 7 hours and 10 minutes work a day, but under the contract still in effect, get paid for an average of 8 hours and 30 minutes.

Cites Federal Pay.

In support of the company's contention that a 25-cent wage raise is not justified, Mr. Simpson submitted figures showing that the average transit worker earned more than the average Federal Government employee in 1948.

The average salary of 798,052 classified workers in Government was shown to be \$3,313 annually in 1948, compared with \$3,339 for transit workers.

A still sharper comparison was shown by a table indicating that 473,249 Federal workers subject to prevailing local rates averaged \$2,760 a year.

Lanham Park Meeting

The Lanham Park (Md.) Civic Association will meet at 8:30 o'clock tonight at the home of Edward Schultz, Worrell avenue, Lanham Park. The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether the citizens want the community made a "special improvement area."

Pupils to Give Comedy

A three-act comedy, "June Mad," will be presented by the Junior class of Fairfax (Va.) High School at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the school.

Baltimore Board Holds Stormy Hearing on Dogs for Research

BALTIMORE, Nov. 17.—Harassed members of the Board of Estimates will decide within a week or two whether Baltimore's medical schools will be allowed to get stray dogs from the city pound to use in research.

They heard more than three hours of impassioned oratory, simple pleas, and booing and hissing yesterday at a public hearing on the question. More than 3,000 persons jammed the War Memorial for the hearing.

When Dr. Alan M. Chesney, dean of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, made the opening statement in support of the plan, his words were almost drowned out by a chorus of catcalls and jeers from the opposition.

Medical Men Present Case. Some of Baltimore's top medical men and educators presented the case for using dogs (which otherwise would go to the pound's gas chamber) for experimentation.

Four children who regained their health by the famed "blue" baby operation developed at Johns Hopkins appeared with their parents in support of the doctors. They were booed, too.

The Maryland chapter, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, led the opposition. Speakers against the plan included Miss Mary Butler Shearer, president of the Maryland SPCA; Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark of Washington, and Miss Irene Castle, the former dancing star.

Opponents Are Doubtful. Some opponents expressed doubt of need for experimentation on animals, others cited what they termed cruel experiments and mistreatment of dogs in medical school kennels.

The session was one of the bitterest held in Baltimore in many years. Meanwhile, thousands of letters pro and con continued to pour in to the Board of Estimates.

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro said he has received so many that he has not been able to dig his personal mail out of the pile since last Thursday.

Students to Present Play. Students of Mount Rainier High School will present "Life With Father" in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight and at the same hour tomorrow night. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Madelyn Angel, of the faculty.

Women Voters to Meet. The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, will hear Chester Williams of the United States mission to the United Nations, at noon tomorrow at the Bethesda Women's Club.

Localities Advised to Finance Selves to Become Strong

By the Associated Press. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Nov. 17.—Dr. Rowland Egger said here yesterday that if Virginians want strong local government, "they must reduce the dependence of their local government upon grants in aid and substitute therefor a revitalized system of local taxation."

Director of the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Virginia, Dr. Egger spoke at the closing session of a Virginia League of Women Voters' institute on State and local finances.

"The question is not one of eliminating all Federal and State interest in local affairs," he said, "but of restoring the center of gravity in public administration to the local level, where government is directly responsive to the will of the people."

"If we decide local government is what we want," he continued, "we must do what is necessary to give it adequate financial support." He added:

"To do this it will first of all be necessary to get a more complete and equitable assessment of property."

He asserted that assessments should be made by experts and he suggested 100 per cent of the average true value for the past five years as the proper level for each year's assessment.

"There are numerous other revenue sources that might be properly reserved to the localities," Dr. Egger went on, naming them as fees for the registration of deeds and wills and dog, marriage, hunting and other licenses.

A panel discussion followed Dr. Egger's address. Participants were Mrs. London Simmons of Charlottesville, Mrs. Hersey Riley of Arlington, first vice president of the Virginia league, and Mrs. Joseph Accardo, also of Arlington.

Dogs Will Get Free Rabies Inoculations

Free inoculations of dogs against rabies will be given from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at seven places in Montgomery County.

Most of the county's eastern suburban area and an adjoining area in Prince Georges County were placed under a 90-day dog quarantine Tuesday to prevent the spread of rabies.

The Montgomery clinics will be held at the Four Corners Fire Department, Silver Spring Armory, E. E. Price's store, Wheaton; Takoma Park health center, Cisse's store at Colesville, Hillandale Fire Department and the Silver Spring health center on Old Bladensburg road.

Owners must bring their dogs on a leash, as required by quarantine regulations. The quarantine was ordered following reports of nine children bitten by rabid dogs during the last month in the Four Corners and Indian Spring Village sections of Silver Spring.

Although the inoculation program is voluntary, health officials urged all dog owners in the area to participate.

Mrs. Morehouse to Head Montgomery Social Work. Appointment of Mrs. PGad B. Morehouse, 2005 Glen Ross road, Silver Spring, as supervisor of social work for the Montgomery County Juvenile Court was announced today by Judge Alfred D. Noyes. She will start work Monday at a salary of \$4,000 a year.

Mrs. Morehouse is a graduate of Penn State College and the Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

Her previous experience includes the positions of director of case work of the Summit County (Ohio) Children's Home, case worker with the Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, case worker with the Montgomery County Social League and probation officer for the District of Columbia Juvenile Court.

She also is active in civic and community work in Montgomery County.

Her husband is director of the Bureau of Stipulations, Federal Trade Commission. She has lived in Silver Spring for the last 13 years.

Silver Spring House Damaged by Fire

Fire yesterday wrecked the second floor of a two-story frame house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bailey at 2820 Covington road, Silver Spring.

Mr. Bailey, who was at work, said his wife told him she heard her 5-year-old son Billy screaming shortly after she had taken him upstairs for his nap.

She told her husband she saw Billy standing at the head of the stairs with flames "shooting out in the hall."

Neither Mr. Bailey nor members of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, who put out the blaze, could give any estimate of the damage. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

Tuck Proclaims Holiday

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 17 (AP).—Gov. Tuck yesterday proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a legal holiday in Virginia.

Maryland Woman, 24, Falls Church School Kills Self With Razor, Blames Devil for Act

A pretty 24-year-old Accokeek (Md.) mother, who lived in Washington until three weeks ago, ended her life yesterday by slashing her throat with a razor after writing a note saying "no one is responsible except the devil."

The body of Mrs. Jean Helene Shifflett was found lying face down on a bed in her home in the Calvert Manor subdivision, a few blocks from the Accokeek school yesterday afternoon.

Dr. John T. Maloney, Prince Georges County deputy medical examiner, issued a suicide certificate. He said Mrs. Shifflett probably died about noon. She was wearing a slip when found.

Mrs. Patsy Wilson, a close friend of the dead woman, found Mrs. Shifflett's body when she entered the home about 4:30 p.m., according to Detective John W. Sidall. Mrs. L. E. Stanton, manager of the development, found Mrs. Shifflett's 4-month-old daughter crying in a nearby crib and gave her to a neighbor for safekeeping until the father returned home.

A razor blade was found beneath her body and the paper wrappings were on the floor, Detective Sidall reported.

In her note, which was addressed "To whom it may concern," Mrs. Shifflett wrote: "I took my own life. No one else is responsible except the Devil. Mom and Dad, don't blame Paul for this. It was strictly my fault. Paul, take good care of the baby."

Detective Sidall said the dead woman's husband, Paul Robert Shifflett, 30, a research technician at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, could give no explanation as to the reason why Mrs. Shifflett killed herself.

Mrs. Shifflett's body was removed to the Gasch funeral home in Hyattsville. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Shifflett lived at 9 Danbury street S.E., until they moved into the home which they were building.

Mrs. Shifflett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Owens, also lived in the District area until about nine years ago. Mr. Owens, a construction inspector for the Government, has assisted in the erection of many Federal buildings here and now is working out of Denver.

Besides her parents, Mrs. Shifflett is survived by a brother, Robert Owens of Denver.

Scout Executive Named

William H. Condon has been appointed field Scout executive for the Montgomery County district of the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He formerly was assistant Scout executive of the Worcester, Mass., Council.

Dinner to Aid Hospital. The Fairfax County Women's Republican Club will sponsor a turkey dinner for the benefit of the Arlington Hospital from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the firehouse in McLean, Va.

The address to teachers will be made at 4:30 p.m. Parents have been invited to hear the same talk at 8 p.m.

Child Psychology Talks Planned in Falls Church. Falls Church area teachers and parents have been invited to hear the first of a series of talks on "Understanding Children" to be given Monday at the Oak Street School.

The speaker will be Dr. Thomas A. Harris, psychiatrist-director of the Fairfax County Child Guidance Clinic.

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Church Plans Bazaar. The Riverdale (Md.) Presbyterian Church will hold a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Seller's Showroom, 6228 Baltimore boulevard, Riverdale.

Invitation Issued For Second Concert In Neighborhood Series. Tickets for the second of the Neighborhood Concerts by the National Symphony Orchestra, under the sponsorship of The Evening Star, will be held Monday night, November 21, in Armstrong High School.

Invitations, which are issued without charge by The Star, have been turned over for distribution to the Music Department, Divisions 10-13, at Park View School, Warde and Newton streets N.W.

A supply also has been placed at the business counter in the lobby of The Star Building, where they may be obtained upon request.

LEXINGTON, VA.—SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WASHINGTON AREA MEN—President Francis P. Gaines of Washington and Lee University hands a war memorial scholarship award worth \$900 to Gray C. Castle, 3513-B South Stafford street, Arlington, Va. Leo C. Barrington, left, of 5445 Mohican road, Glen Echo Heights, Md., received an Alfred I. du Pont scholarship worth \$2,000. The scholarships, to be expended over a four-year period at the university, are awarded on the basis of character, academic record and promise of future usefulness.

Arlington Center Film. The Women's League of the Arlington Jewish Center will show a movie, "My Dog Shep," at 3 p.m. Sunday at the center, Lee boulevard and South Fenwick street, Arlington.

Battle's Plans Called Key to School Problem

Alexandria Official Cites Need for Buildings, Teachers

By the Associated Press.

FRONT ROYAL, Va., Nov. 17.—There is hope for the solution of Virginia's most pressing public school problems in the program outlined by Gov.-elect John S. Battle, an educator declared here yesterday.

T. C. Williams, superintendent of the Alexandria schools, made the statement during the seventh of a series of public hearings conducted by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Williams saw the most pressing problems as the need of school buildings and adequate teaching staffs. "The latter, he added, is a Nation-wide need.

"There is hope for the solution of both problems," Mr. Williams said, "if not in their entirety, through the declared program of Gov.-elect John S. Battle, who recognizes the needs of Virginia schools—if educational forces are unified and assist the Governor."

Bulletin Praised.

Speakers commended a bulletin issued recently by the State Board on the school system of Virginia.

The only criticism was voiced by John Lynch of Fairfax County, who said the portion of the bulletin which describes an ideal school system is "too vague."

"The headings should indicate more specifically what can be done to approximate this ideal," Mr. Lynch said.

Miss Lillian Butler, a colored teacher of Fauquier County, recommended that the State furnish free textbooks and free teaching materials and asked for salaries commensurate with those of other professions.

There were several recommendations that the school system be democratized by the election of members of local school boards instead of the present method of appointment by school trustee electoral boards which, in turn, are appointed by judges of the circuit courts.

Elected Boards Urged.

Mr. Lynch said that school boards should be elected by the people or appointed by boards of supervisors. Direct election was suggested by John S. Miller, of Shenandoah, New Market newspaper editor.

"School boards should be elected by the people," Mr. Miller said. "This would give them direct interest in their local school system. School boards also should fix the amount of the school budget."

Mr. Miller also suggested an equalized rate of assessment of property values by all counties in Virginia.

"If we want better schools, there must be more money for them, which means more taxes," said Ray Tamkin, Strasburg businessman. "We must carry the message of better support of our schools to our people."

Addition of more supervisors, revision of teacher training programs in State colleges and a campaign of teacher recruitment was suggested by Norman Scott of Clarke County to raise the teaching level.

Consolidation of high schools for economy and efficiency was agreed to by most spokesmen, but there was a difference of opinion as to elementary school consolidation. Some spokesmen contended that elementary schools should be kept near the pupils attending them.

Arlington Policeman Hurt In Fall Off Motorcycle. An Arlington policeman suffered a cracked right elbow today when his motorcycle skidded on loose gravel and threw him to the street.

Pvt. Nathaniel L. Henry, 25, of 2635 South Uhle street, was treated by a private physician after the accident on Seminary road, near the Shirlington Circle. Damage to the motorcycle was negligible.

In another Arlington accident today, Francis Fitzgerald, 20, of 2511 Lee boulevard, suffered slight injuries when he was pinned between two trucks in the 800 block of North Larrimore street. Mr. Fitzgerald, who was working in the neighborhood, was admitted to Arlington Hospital for observation.

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BOOED BY DOG DEFENDERS—Baltimore.—Dr. Helen Taussig, co-developer of the Blalock-Taussig operation for "blue babies," with three of the children restored to health by that surgery, were booed yesterday at a public hearing. The boos came from persons objecting to the use of stray dogs for medical research. Doctors at the stormy hearing said the "blue baby" operation was developed through prior experiment on dogs. With Dr. Taussig, left to right, are Ralph Olsen, 9; Donald McNeill, 17 months, and Doris Neuman, 6. —AP Photo.